

and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and an original bill entitled, “Good Samaritan Cleanup of Orphan Mines Act of 2016”, after receiving testimony from Patrick Kirby, West Virginia University Brownfields Assistance Center, Morgantown; Chip Merriam, Orlando Utilities Commission, Orlando, Florida, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; Steve Moyer, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; Frank Holleman, Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Jennifer Krill, Earthworks, Washington, D.C.

#### LOW OIL AND GAS PRICES ECONOMIC AND GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic and geopolitical

implications of low oil and gas prices, after receiving testimony from Timothy D. Adams, Institute of International Finance, and Robert Kahn, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patrick Pizzella, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Julie Helene Becker, Steven Nathan Berk, and Elizabeth Carroll Wingo, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 4660–4676; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 831–84; H. Con. Res. 122; and H. Res. 634 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4119, to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–441);

H.R. 482, to redesignate Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia and revise its boundary, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–442); and

H. Res. 635, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4557) to allow for judicial review of any final rule addressing national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for brick and structural clay products or for clay ceramics manufacturing before requiring compliance with such rule, and providing for proceedings during the period from March 4, 2016, through March 11, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–443).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Jody B. Hice (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

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**Ensuring Removal of Terminated Providers from Medicaid and CHIP Act:** The House passed H.R. 3716, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide to the Secretary of Health and Human Services certain information with respect to provider terminations, by a yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 105.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–45 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

Buschon amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–440), as modified, that makes technical changes to the bill; changes the short title to better capture both sections of the bill and changes the effective dates throughout the bill to ensure that states and the Secretary of Health and Human Services have the time necessary to correctly implement the provisions; adds a requirement for the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services to report on implementation of the requirements regarding

providers disenrolled for reasons related to fraud, integrity and quality; clarifies that the fee-for-service provider directory is to include physicians and, at state option, other providers; and provides other information that could be included in the directory.

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H. Res. 632, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3716) was agreed to by voice vote, after the previous question was ordered by voice vote.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:38 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 3.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13660 with respect to Ukraine is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–112).

**Pages H1104–05**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–113).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H1104. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: EXAMINING STATE OPTIONS**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Examining State Options”. Testimony was heard from Stephanie Muth, Deputy Executive Commissioner for the Office of Social Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission; and public witnesses.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, Department of Veterans Af-

fairs; David J. Shulkin, M.D., Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration; Danny G.I. Pummill, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; Ronald E. Walters, Interim Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration; Edward Joseph Murray, Interim Assistant Secretary for Management, Interim Chief Information Officer, Office of Management; and LaVerne H. Council, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Chief Information Officer, Office of Information and Technology.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—AIR FORCE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Air Force. Testimony was heard from Deborah Lee James, Secretary, U.S. Air Force; and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a budget hearing on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Kana Enomoto, Acting Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, APPLIED ENERGY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a budget hearing on Department of Energy, Applied Energy. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Energy officials: Franklin Orr, Under Secretary for Science and Energy; John Kotek, Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy; Christopher Smith, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy; and Patricia Hoffman, Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

### **APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, SCIENCE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a budget hearing on Department of Energy, Science. Testimony was heard from Franklin Orr, Under Secretary for Science and